

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method of processing an instruction, said method comprising:

fetching said instruction using a corresponding address from a memory unit, wherein a first meaning is associated with said instruction stored at said corresponding address by a ~~same~~ processor ~~when~~ with a first bit position plurality ~~of bits~~ from said corresponding address is concatenated with said instruction, and wherein a second meaning is associated with said instruction stored at said corresponding address by said ~~same~~ processor with ~~when~~ a second plurality of ~~bits~~ bit positions from said corresponding address is concatenated with said instruction, wherein at least one of said plurality of bit positions is different from said first bit position;

concatenating a portion of said corresponding address to said instruction to form an extended instruction, ~~wherein said concatenation increases a number of instructions in an instruction set;~~ and

executing said extended instruction, ~~wherein said portion of said corresponding address determines a meaning for said extended instruction from said possible meanings.~~

2. (original) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said portion is an address bit.

3. (original) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein said portion is a plurality of address bits.

4. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 1 wherein a said plurality of possible meanings associated with said instruction include an integer type of instruction and a floating point type of instruction.

5. (currently amended) A method ~~of handling an instruction~~, said ~~method~~ comprising:

generating said instruction, wherein a first meaning is associated with said instruction stored at a corresponding address by a ~~same~~ processor with ~~when~~ a first bit position ~~plurality of bits~~ from said corresponding address is concatenated with said instruction, and wherein a second meaning is associated with said instruction stored at said corresponding address by said ~~same~~ processor with ~~when~~ a ~~second~~ plurality of bits bit positions from said corresponding address is concatenated with said instruction, wherein at least one of said plurality of bit positions is different from said first bit position;

storing said instruction at a particular address in a memory unit such that a portion of said particular address enables determination of a meaning for said instruction from said possible meanings; and

before executing said instruction, fetching said instruction using said particular address from a memory unit and concatenating said portion of said particular address to said instruction, wherein said concatenation increases a number of instructions in an instruction set.

6. (original) The method as recited in Claim 5 wherein said portion is an address bit.

7. (original) The method as recited in Claim 5 wherein said portion is a plurality of address bits.

8. (currently amended) The method as recited in Claim 5 wherein said a plurality of possible meanings associated with said instruction include an integer type of instruction and a floating point type of instruction.

9. (original) The method as recited in Claim 5 wherein said generating said instruction and said storing said instruction are performed by a compiler.

10. (currently amended) A system comprising:

a memory unit for storing a plurality of instructions at a plurality of addresses; and

a processor operable to fetch a particular instruction from said memory unit by providing a corresponding address, wherein a first meaning is associated with said particular instruction stored at said corresponding address by a ~~same~~ processor ~~when~~ with a first bit position plurality of bits from said corresponding address is concatenated with said particular instruction, and wherein a second meaning is associated with said particular instruction stored at said corresponding address by said ~~same~~ processor with ~~when~~ a second plurality of ~~bits~~ bit positions from said corresponding address is concatenated with said particular instruction, wherein at least one of said plurality of bit positions is different from said first bit position, and wherein said processor is operable to concatenate a portion of said corresponding address to said particular instruction ~~to determine a meaning for said particular instruction from said possible meanings before executing said particular instruction, wherein said concatenation increases a number of instructions in an instruction set.~~

11. (original) The system as recited in Claim 10 wherein said portion is an address bit.

12. (original) The system as recited in Claim 10 wherein said portion is a plurality of address bits.

13. (currently amended) The system as recited in Claim 10 wherein said a plurality of possible meanings associated with said instruction include an integer type of instruction and a floating point type of instruction.

14. (original) The system as recited in Claim 10 further comprising a compiler for generating said plurality of instructions and for storing each instruction at an appropriate address in said memory unit.